

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method of treatment of a human or non-human animal subject to combat inflammation arising from a condition associated with or without pain wherein the inflammation is sub-dermal and in soft tissue, said method comprising topically administering to said subject an anti-inflammatory pharmaceutical composition comprising a physiologically tolerable strontium compound, a physiologically tolerable carrier, dimethylsulphoxide, and glycofurol, ~~effective amount of a physiologically tolerable strontium compound,~~

~~wherein said strontium compound is administered to the surface of the skin.~~

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is not associated with pain.

4. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is not associated with a sporting injury.

5-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said strontium compound is selected from the group consisting of strontium chloride, strontium acetate and strontium nitrate.

11. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said strontium compound is a strontium complex with a chelating agent.

12. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said chelating agent is present in at least 2% mol excess relative to strontium.

13. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said chelating agent is present in an excess of at least 50% mol relative to strontium.

14. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with acne vulgaris.

15. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with psoriasis

16. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with radiation therapy.

17. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with arthritis.

18. (canceled)